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Minutes  
STATE MARSHAL COMMISSION MEETING  
December 17, 2015

Members present: Chairperson W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq., Michael Desmond, Sarah Fryxell, Esq. (participating by telephone conference call), Robert P. LaTorraca (participating by telephone conference call), and Mildred Torres-Ferguson (participating by telephone conference call). Also present were Ex-Officios Lisa Stevenson and Thomas Burke (non-voting members), Statewide Workers' Compensation Program Director Robert Giuditta, Staff Attorney Jennifer Y. Montgomery, and Paralegal Specialist Laura M. DiMeola. Vice Chairperson Michael Cronin, Esq., Tracy L. Dayton, Esq., and Honorable Elizabeth A. Bozzuto were not present.

Also present for public session were State Marshal Joseph Heap, State Marshal Joseph Homelson, and Kevin McCrewell.

Chairperson W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq. called the meeting to order at 4:42 p.m.

Chairperson W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq. indicated that there would be a vote to go into executive session at the onset of the meeting to accommodate a scheduling conflict of one of the Commissioners. Prior to executive session, W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq. permitted State Marshal Joseph Heap, as newly-appointed Chairperson of the Advisory Board, to speak to the Commission. Thomas Burke introduced Marshal Heap. Marshal Heap proceeded to express that he and the Advisory Board were offering their assistance and advice to the Commission. The Chairperson thanked Marshal Heap.

The Commission, after a motion by Mildred Torres-Ferguson, seconded by Michael Desmond, voted 5-0 to enter executive session. The individuals present included those listed above, with the exception of State Marshal Joseph Heap, State Marshal Joseph Homelson, and Kevin McCrewell.

The Commission, after a motion by Robert P. LaTorraca, seconded by Mildred Torres-Ferguson, voted 5-0 to return to the public record. No votes were taken in executive session.

State Marshal Joseph Homelson and Kevin McCrewell re-entered the meeting at this time.

Marshal Burke asked to be excused from the remainder of the meeting, and W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq. granted his request. Marshal Burke expressed his gratitude to Robert Giuditta for assisting him in understanding the state marshal training materials and wished the Commission happy holidays.

First Business

1. Minutes

Attorney Montgomery indicated that the minutes from the October 22, 2015 would need to be tabled as Vice Chairperson Michael Cronin, Esq. had chaired that meeting in the Chairperson's absence and was not present at this meeting. Accordingly, the vote to adopt the minutes from the October 22, 2015 Commission meeting was tabled for the next Commission meeting.

W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq. then called for a vote to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2015 meeting. The Commission, after a motion by Robert P. LaTorraca, seconded by Michael Desmond, voted 4-0 to adopt the minutes from the November 19, 2015 meeting. Mildred Torres-Ferguson abstained from the vote, as she was not present at the November 19, 2015 meeting.

2. Proposed Decisions

The Commission, after a motion by Mildred Torres-Ferguson, seconded by Robert P. LaTorraca, voted 5-0 to adopt the Proposed Decisions and their recommended dispositions in the following files:

File No.	Name	Disposition
14-03	Nield/Parrillo	Dismissal
14-60	In Re Pesiri	Dismissal

The Commission, after a motion by Mildred Torres-Ferguson, seconded by Robert P. LaTorraca, voted 5-0 to adopt the findings of fact and law from the Proposed Decision and voted to change the disposition and issue a Reprimand in, rather than dismiss, the following file:

File No.	Name	Disposition
13-59	In Re Pesiri	Reprimand

3. Complaints

The Commission, after a motion by Robert P. LaTorraca, seconded by Sarah Fryxell, Esq., voted 5-0 to dismiss the following files:

File No.	Name
14-53	Peat/LaBranche
14-58	Benjamin/Copertino
14-59	Petty/Homelson

The Commission, after a motion by Robert P. LaTorraca, seconded by Mildred Torres-Ferguson, voted 5-0 to administratively close the following files:

File No.	Name
15-57	In Re Daniel Wall (Restraining Order Duty)
15-73	In Re Daniel Wall (Annual Fee)

The Commission, after a motion by Robert P. LaTorraca, seconded by Michael Desmond, voted 5-0 to find probable cause for a hearing in the following files:

File No.	Name
15-02	In Re Cappiello, Jr. (Restraining Order Duty)
15-23	Kinity/Cappiello, Jr.
15-56	Faulkner/Cappiello, Jr.
15-64	Feltman/Cappiello, Jr.
15-82	Zhang/Cappiello, Jr.
15-83	In Re Cappiello, Jr. (Restraining Order Duty)

The Commission, after a motion by Robert P. LaTorraca, seconded by Michael Desmond, voted 5-0 to find probable cause for a hearing in the following files:

File No.	Name
15-47	Taylor/DiFiore
15-52	Colon/DiFiore
15-68	Cravo/DiFiore
15-81	In Re DiFiore (Restraining Order Duty)

#### 4. Retirement/Resignation

The Commission, after a motion by Sarah Fryxell, Esq., seconded by Robert P. LaTorraca, voted 5-0 to accept the retirement by resignation of State Marshal Joan Mehlhorn of Fairfield County. Ex-Officio Lisa Stevenson asked if Marshal Mehlhorn requested a retirement badge, and Attorney Montgomery indicated that she did not. Upon a request from Attorney Montgomery that it be noted on the record, W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq. indicated that the retirement is effective December 31, 2015.

#### 5. Proposed Candidates for State Marshal Appointment

The Commission, after a motion by Robert P. LaTorraca, seconded by Michael Desmond, voted 5-0 to approve the following State Marshal candidates for appointment, to be sworn in on January 21, 2016:

##### Fairfield County

Heather Goulet  
Willard Kemp  
Kenneth Lombardi  
Edwin Olavarria  
Christopher Paoletti

##### Hartford County

Phyllis Airey  
Anthony Cipriano  
William Colon  
Sandra Couture  
Charles Dingle  
John O'Leary  
Alixes Rosado

New Haven County

Frank Alvarado  
Jeffrey Balletto  
John Barbieri  
Marlon Boyd  
Richard Claxton  
Edmond Cullinan  
Susan Dercole  
Brian Mezick  
Wanda Reiff  
David Salafia

Litchfield County

Jessica Brown  
Mark Raimo

Middlesex County

Douglas Harkins  
Keith St. John

New London County

Courtland Hall  
Nicholas Poppiti  
Daniel Reynolds  
Louis Sullivan

Tolland County

Kevin C. McCrewell, Sr.  
Peter Meshanic

Windham County

Kathleen Doherty  
Kevin Wakely

6. State Marshal Appointment Process – Update

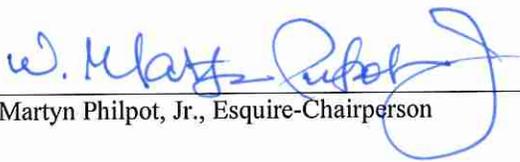
Robert Giuditta indicated that the applicants have completed their field training with the help of their mentor marshals and that the swearing-in ceremony is scheduled for January 21, 2016. He indicated that the Commission office will be sending out invitations.

7. Welcoming New Commissioner – Tracy L. Dayton, Esq.

Robert Giuditta welcomed Tracy L. Dayton, Esq. to the Commission. He detailed Attorney Dayton's background and current position. He indicated that Attorney Dayton offered her apologies for not being able to attend the meeting as she was away visiting family. He also informed the Commission that Attorney Dayton has an interest in sitting on Oversight Committees in the future. W. Martyn Philpot, J., Esq. extended a warm welcome to Attorney Dayton on behalf of the Commission. Attorney Montgomery added that Attorney Dayton had corresponded with her regarding the matters on the agenda.

W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esq. extended his wishes to the Commission for a very happy holiday season and then called for a vote to adjourn the meeting. The Commission, after a motion by Robert P. LaTorraca, seconded by Michael Desmond, voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Minutes were approved by the Commission on January 28, 2016.

  
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W. Martyn Philpot, Jr., Esquire-Chairperson